

CONSOLIDATE TWO SUBUNITS IN DENR INTO NEW OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, PLANNING, AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

SECTION 13.1B. The Office of Conservation, Planning, and Community Affairs is established as a new office within the Office of the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. All functions, powers, duties, and obligations previously vested in the following subunits of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources are transferred to, vested in, and consolidated within the Office of Conservation, Planning, and Community Affairs by a Type I transfer, as defined in G.S. 143A-6:

- (1) Office of Conservation and Community Affairs.
- (2) Natural Resources Planning and Conservation.

STUDY THE MERGER OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN DENR AND THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN DHHS; AMEND ON-SITE WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION

SECTION 13.2.(a) The Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services jointly shall study the desirability and the feasibility of merging these two divisions. Under the first phase of this study, the Division of Environmental Health and the Division of Public Health shall accumulate all of the following information and no later than October 1, 2010, submit a report that includes all this information to the Fiscal Research Division and to the Environmental Review Commission:

- (1) A list of each program in both the Division of Environmental Health and the Division of Public Health.
- (2) A description of each program under subdivision (1) of this subsection.
- (3) A list of all actual expenditures and receipts for each program under subdivision (1) of this subsection, starting with the 2005-2006 fiscal year through the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- (4) A list of all certified expenditures and receipts for each program under subdivision (1) of this subsection for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
- (5) The number of full-time equivalent positions employed for each program under subdivision (1) of this subsection, starting with the 2005-2006 fiscal year through the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

SECTION 13.2.(b) Under the second phase of this study, the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services shall consider the information accumulated under subsection (a) of this section as well as all of the following:

- (1) The current structure and management of these two divisions.
- (2) Each program within one of these two divisions that duplicates or overlaps any program within the other division.
- (3) The gains and losses in efficiency that could result from merging these two divisions.
- (4) The gains and losses in operating costs, receipts, or any other expenditures or costs that could result from merging these two divisions.
- (5) Were these two divisions merged, where the merged division should be located, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources or the Department of Health and Human Services, and the reasons for this conclusion.
- (6) Any other issue deemed pertinent to the study.

SECTION 13.2.(c) No later than January 15, 2011, the Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a final report that includes the findings, recommendations, and any legislative proposals of the joint study under